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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE SHAH

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOV. 28 FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE SHAH:

BEGIN QUOTE YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY: IT WAS A PERSONAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU AND THE SHAHBANOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. MRS. CARTER AND I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED YOUR STAY IN OUR COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY PORTRAYING GEORGE WASHINGTON. WE WERE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THIS BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TOOK TWO YEARS TO WEAVE AND THAT IT CONTAINS 120 TO 160 KNOTS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER. THIS HANGING SPLENDIDLY REFLECTS THE RENOWNED ARTISTIC CRAFTSMANSHIP OF THE WEAVERS OF ISFAHAN AND THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.

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I APPRECIATED THE HONOR OF ESTABLISHING A CLOSE AND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU. THE WISDOM OF YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL WILL BE MOST HELPFUL IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

OUR DISCUSSIONS REAFFIRMED THE STRONG TIES WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS. THE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES PROMISES TO GROW AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO FURTHER OUR COMMON GOALS.

YOU WERE INDEED THOUGHTFUL TO FAVOR US WITH THE BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS AND TO WRITE SUCH A GRACIOUS NOTE UPON DEPARTING OUR COUNTRY. MRS. CARTER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING IRAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

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